

# HUMBOLDT TELEPHONE COMPANY

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June 26, 2015

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RE: CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER IN WC DOCKET NOS. 10-90, 07-135, 05-337, 03-109, 14-58, CC DOCKET NOS. 01-92, 96-45, GN DOCKET NO. 09-51, WT DOCKET NO. 10-208, BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION.

Oregon-Idaho Utilities, Inc. dba Humboldt Telephone Company (HTC) is a privately held rate-of-return rural wireline carrier receiving high-cost support in the State of Nevada under Study Area Code 553304. HTC has electronically submitted our Form 481 filing for our Study Area Code 553304 for program year 2016. This information is being filed in compliance with 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2) and should be filed in WC Docket No. 10-90.

As specified in the Protective Order issued on June 17, 2015 by the Wireline Competition Bureau, In addition to the electronically filed version of this report, one copy of the stamped confidential document is being filed and two copies of the redacted confidential document in redacted form are being filed simultaneously by overnight delivery. Each page where confidential information has been omitted in this filing has been marked CONFIDENTIAL and "REDACTED - FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION".

If you have questions or need further information, please call me at (208) 461-4900 or you may contact me by e-mail at [doug.musgrave@oiutelecom.net](mailto:doug.musgrave@oiutelecom.net).

Sincerely,



Douglas N. Musgrave  
Manager  
Oregon-Idaho Utilities, Inc. dba Humboldt Telephone Company

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**FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting  
Data Collection Form**

 FCC Form 481  
OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819  
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<010> Study Area Code	553304	<b>Received &amp; Inspected</b>  <b>JUL 1 - 2015</b>  <b>FCC Mail Room</b>
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**ANNUAL REPORTING FOR ALL CARRIERS**

54.313 Completion Required	54.422 Completion Required
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<100> Service Quality Improvement Reporting	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<200> Outage Reporting (voice)	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<700> Company Price Offerings (voice)	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<710> Company Price Offerings (broadband)	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<800> Operating Companies and Affiliates	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<900> Tribal Land Offerings (Y/N)?	(if yes, complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1000> Voice Services Rate Comparability Certification	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1010> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>	(attach descriptive document)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1100> Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Yes or No)	(if not, check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1110>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1200> Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Price Cap Carriers, Proceed to Price Cap Additional Documentation Worksheet**

<2000> Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers	(check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<2005>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Rate of Return Carriers, Proceed to ROR Additional Documentation Worksheet**

<3000>	(check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<3005>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



**(100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting  
Data Collection Form**

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<110>	Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC?	(yes / no) <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>
<111>	If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing §54.202(a) "5 year plan" filed with the FCC?	(yes / no) <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>

If your answer to Line <111> is yes, then you are required to file a progress report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service.

- <112> Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your company is a CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.

553304nv112.pdf

Name of Attached Document

Please select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 112, contains a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to §54.202(a). The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.

- <113> Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets  
 <114> Report how much universal service (USF) support was received  
 <115> How much (USF) was used to improve service quality and how support was used to improve service quality  
 <116> How much (USF) was used to improve service coverage and how support was used to improve service coverage  
 <117> How much (USF) was used to improve service capacity and how support was used to improve service capacity  
 <118> Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.

Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes

**(200) Service Outage Reporting (Voice)**  
**Data Collection Form**

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(900) Operating Companies Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<810>	Reporting Carrier	Humboldt Telephone Company
<811>	Holding Company	Robinson Communications Corporation
<812>	Operating Company	Oregon-Idaho Utilities, Inc.

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**(900) Tribal Lands Reporting**  
**Data Collection Form**

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<910> Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves

Fort McDermitt Paiute - Shoshone Reservation, McDermitt, Nevada


<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

553304NV920.pdf

Name of Attached Document

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes, No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached document(s), on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

- <921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions.  
 <922> Feasibility and sustainability planning;  
 <923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;  
 <924> Compliance with Rights of way processes  
 <925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements  
 <926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules  
 <927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes  
 <928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes  
 <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.

Select Yes or No or Not Applicable
Yes

Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes



**(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting  
Data Collection Form**

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<1120> Please confirm whether terrestrial backhaul options exist within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g) (Yes, No).

<1130> Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).

**(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers**  
**Lifeline**  
**Data Collection Form**

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<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

Name of Attached Document

<1220> Link to Public Website

HTTP

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

- <1221> Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers, ☒
- <1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan, ☒
- <1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan. ☒

## (2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation

## Data Collection Form

Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

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Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental Connect America Phase I support, frozen High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

## Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting

- <2010> 2nd Year Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)i}  
 <2011a> 3rd Year Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)ii}  
 <2011b> Attachment {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)ii}

Name of Attached Document(s) Listing Required Information

## Price Cap Carrier Receiving Frozen Support Certification {47 CFR § 54.312(a)}

- <2012> 2013 Frozen Support Calculation {47 CFR § 54.313(c)(1)}  
 <2013> 2014 Frozen Support Calculation {47 CFR § 54.313(c)(2)}  
 <2014> 2015 Frozen Support Calculation {47 CFR § 54.313(c)(3)}  
 <2015> 2016 and future Frozen Support Calculation {47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)}

## Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)}

- <2016> Certification Support Used to Build Broadband

## Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}

- <2017> 3rd year Broadband Service Certification  
 <2018> 5th year Broadband Service Certification  
 <2019> Interim Progress Certification  
 <2020> Please check the box to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 2021, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (e)(3)(ii), as a recipient of CAF Phase II support shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

- <2021> Interim Progress Community Anchor Institutions

Name of Attached Document(s) Listing Required Information



(3000) Rate of Return Carrier Additional Documentation		FCG Form 481
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CHECK the boxes below to note compliance on its five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

- (3010) Progress Report on 5 Year Plan  
Milestone Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i))

553304nv3010.pdf

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

- (3011) Please check this box to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3012 contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (f)(1)(ii), the carrier shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year. ☒

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- (3012) Community Anchor Institutions (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii))

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

- (3013) Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2))  
(3014) If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report

(Yes/No)  
(Yes/No)



Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:

- (3015) Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)  
(3016) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows



- (3017) If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation

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Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

- (3018) If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited?

(Yes/No)



If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:

- (3019) Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications

- (3020) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

- (3021) Management letter and audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit

If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:

- (3022) Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers,

- (3023) Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant

- (3024) Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.

- (3025) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

- (3026) Attach the worksheet listing required information

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

[3880] Data Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)

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## Financial Data Summary

(3027) Revenue

(3028) Operating Expenses

(3029) Net Income

(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)

(3031) Total Assets

(3032) Total Debt

(3033) Total Equity

(3034) Dividends

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<b>Certification - Reporting Carrier</b>	FCC Form 481
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**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:**

<b>Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients</b>	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: HUMBOLDT TEL CO	
Signature of Authorized Officer:	Date
Printed name of Authorized Officer: Doug Musgrave	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: Manager/ Asst. Corp Secretary	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 2084614900 ext.	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 553304	Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2015
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	



**Certification - Agent / Carrier  
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**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:**

Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I certify that (Name of Agent) _____ is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent: _____	
Name of Reporting Carrier: _____	
Signature of Authorized Officer: _____	Date: _____
Printed name of Authorized Officer: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: _____	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: _____	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: _____	Filing Due Date for this form: _____
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:**

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: _____	
Name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	Date: _____
Printed name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
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## Attachments

<p>(700) Price Offerings Including Voice Rate Data Data Collection Form</p>	<p>FD-481 OMB Control No. 3060-0985/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013</p>
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<b>(710) Broadband Price Offerings</b> <b>Data Collection Form</b>	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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SPIN : 143002676

Carrier Name : HUMBOLDT TEL CO

Program Year : 2016

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2015 Progress report on 5Yr. Service Quality improvement plan  
Program Year 2016

This document is an integral part of the Company's 2015 Annual Report, as attached to Form 481. It is in compliance with §54.313(a)(1) adopted in the FCC's USF/ICC Transformation Order (11-161) and incorporates all further clarifications identified in subsequent Reconsideration Orders, as applicable, that were in effect at the time the Annual Report was submitted to the requisite regulatory authorities. Questions about this report should be submitted to Doug Musgrave, Manager, at (208) 461-4900 or by e-mail at [doug.musgrave@oiutelecom.net](mailto:doug.musgrave@oiutelecom.net).

Oregon-Idaho Utilities, Inc. dba Humboldt Telephone Company (HTC) is a small, rural, privately owned Independent Local Exchange Carrier operating in the state of Nevada. HTC is headquartered at 1023 N. Horton St., Nampa, Idaho 83651. We are State Public Utilities Commissions certificated and an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier throughout our authorized service areas. We are a NECA member company and receive high cost support through Federal and State Universal Service mechanisms.

Humboldt telephone Company advises that the environment in which the Company operates is dynamic, not static. As a result, certain network targets identified in our initial 5 Year Network Improvement Plan filed in 2014 may be modified in response to the fast changing regulatory environment at both the Federal and State levels. The feasibility of each project must be regularly reviewed giving consideration to their implications upon the Company's financial viability in addition to their impacts on our capability to provide required services and maintenance of service quality. When a project is no longer viable because of financial, technological, or vendor related reasons, less costly alternatives of achieving the desired service improvement may be reviewed. Targets not met or that have changed since the initial 5 Year Plan Filing are identified and reasons provided for those changes.

According to USAC, year to date thru the end of May 2015, HTC has received a total of \$566,621 in Federal Support. The receipt of that support can be broken down by category as follows:

High Cost Loop Fund	\$321,801
Safety Net Additive	\$ 0
Local Switching Support	\$ 0
CAF-ICC Support	\$ 52,264
ICLS	\$192,556

Universal Service Support funds are used to maintain, upgrade, and improve the Company's network, cover operating expenses and debt commitments as necessary to permit it to offer a high level of service for both voice and broadband within our authorized study area. USF Support will continue to be included in the Company's current revenue accounts and forward-looking projections. Revenues, in the aggregate, are used for both capital expenditures and to cover operating expenses and fixed costs incurred to obtain capital from lenders. The Company does not segregate USF separately for purposes of tracking its use to cover capital and operating expenditures; USF is expended in the same proportion as its contribution is to the Company's aggregate revenue amount.

The preparation of accurate financial data can take several weeks beyond the close of the each accounting period. Upon compilation of this report, complete financial data had been prepared through



the end of April 2015. As of April 2015 the proportionate share of USF expenditures to date for 2015 is estimated by the company as follows:

CAPEX \$11,332                      OPEX \$555,289

In the USF/ICC Transformation Order the FCC determined that rural rate of return carriers are only required to extend broadband capabilities within their areas in the existence of a reasonable request for service by a prospective broadband customer. In the Seventh Order of Reconsideration, the FCC clarified the circumstances which constitute a reasonable request. Further section 67 clarifies that a request is considered unreasonable if it required the carrier to undertake plant improvements merely for the purpose of providing a new broadband service if such improvements would likely force the carrier above the \$250.00 per line monthly cap or if the carrier were already experiencing support reductions as a result of that cap.

The 5 Year Plan submitted by HTC as a part of our Project Year 2015 Annual Report was created prior to the FCC's clarification of a reasonable request and did not take these clarifications on the original order into account. As an extremely rural communications provider, HTC's loop costs are well above the national average loop cost. Even though HTC is not currently affected by the \$250.00 per line monthly cap on USF funds, a failure to control our costs would quickly bring the cap into effect. For this reason HTC must gain the maximum practical benefit from capital expenditures in our serving area.

Following is a description of the broadband expansion project that was planned for calendar year 2015 in the HTC 5 year plan.

#### FTTP Shelf at Orovada CO, Orovada Exchange – Program Year 2016

This project planned the installation of a new FTTP shelf and capabilities at the Orovada Central Office. Fiber optic distribution cable was to be extended west of the CO along Highway 293 to serve 10 customer locations along Highway 293. This project will provide a significant increase in broadband capabilities and coverage to about 10 customers as well as extend ethernet capabilities to the elementary school along the project route. It will also reduce the number of customers unable to receive broadband at the 4/1 transfer rate by two. Engineering estimates the cost of this project to be around \$180,000.00 including construction, materials, electronic equipment, engineering and permits. The cost effectiveness of continuing with this project is under reconsideration. The cost per customer, approximately \$18,000.00, is extreme. While the plant could be further expanded to provide increased capabilities to other customers in the area the cost of extending these facilities will also increase our overall costs significantly. HTC is presently testing and evaluating the use of fixed wireless as less costly alternative to this project.

#### Overall increase in bandwidth for existing services

In late 2014 the middle mile and upstream provider uplinks HTC uses for providing broadband to our customers became saturated. In order to maintain an acceptable service quality to our broadband customers, HTC undertook a previously unplanned project to increase our DSLAM uplink bandwidth. The project will require a number of relatively inexpensive equipment change outs in our existing DSLAM systems in addition to HTC purchasing additional middle mile and upstream bandwidth. This project was scheduled to be executed throughout late 2014 and completed by mid 2015. During performance of these upgrades HTC ran into a small number of DSLAM shelves that were of a sufficiently older vintage so that were incapable of functioning with the new uplink technology. HTC has undertaken a project to upgrade those incompatible DSLAM shelves with used equipment of a release sufficient to operate in the new environment. This project is ongoing and is estimated to cost \$20,000

dollars to complete and will affect 100% of our broadband customers. In addition our monthly recurring cost of providing bandwidth to our customer has increased as well. As stated, this project was unplanned and was not included in HTC's PY 2015 5 year plan.

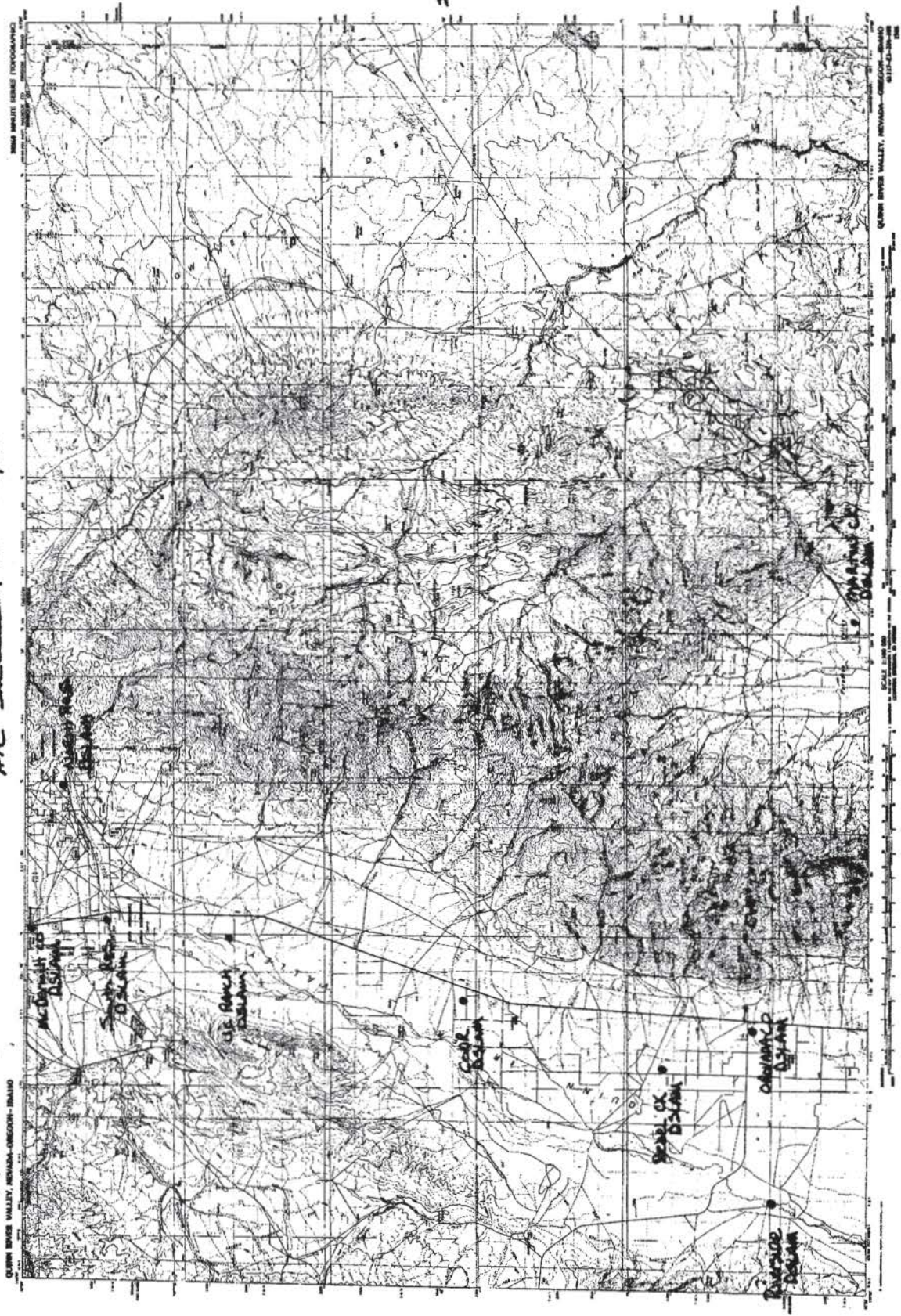
Capabilities currently exist to provide 4 Mbps downstream and 1 Mbps upstream broadband service to all known community anchor institutions within the HTC Study Area. No new broadband services were installed to community anchor institutions in the HTC study area in fiscal year 2014.



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ATC SAC 553304 DSLAM upgrade work sites

MAP 10FG



Quinn River Valley  
NEVADA-OREGON-BUREAU

1:50,000 scale map  
Topographic map

Map Symbols

Scale: 1" = 4.7 miles

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TO Facilitate Scanning







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